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In re patent application of

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For POLARIZING FILTER AND OPTICAL DEVICE USING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 29, 2001, the applicant elects with traverse the Species A invention.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2, and amend claims 7 and 8 as follows (a clean copy of the amended claims is attached as an Appendix):

Claim 7 (once amended). [A] The polarizing filter of claim 1 further comprising:
a transparent substrate; and

at least three layers laminated one on another on said substrate, said at least three layers including an outermost layer having a first refractive index, and odd and even number layers interposed between said outermost layer and said substrate, wherein:

a refractive index of each said odd number layer is higher than the first refractive index; and

a refractive index of each said even number layer is lower than the first refractive index.

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